



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Eugene Jarvis et al.
Appl. No.: 10/820,548
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Title: METHOD OF PLAYING MULTIPLE HAND TWENTY-ONE CARD GAME
Art Unit: 3714
Examiner: A. Rada
Docket No.: 114066-0010

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Examiner:

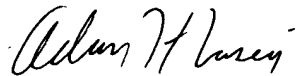
This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2004. A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is submitted herewith to cover the cost of the Terminal Disclaimer. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency or credit.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 to 62 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 to 43 of U.S. Patent No. 6,726,427 to Jarvis et al. Applicants are hereby submitting a Terminal Disclaimer with this Response as indicated above to overcome these rejections. Accordingly, the double patenting rejections of Claims 1 to 62 should be withdrawn.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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